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Teruto HIROTA et al.

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Examiner Michael R. VAUGHAN]

A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD, PLAYBACK APPARATUS, RECORDING APPARATUS, PLAYBACK METHOD, RECORDING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

NOTICE REGARDING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on July 21, 2000 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Item 3 of the July 21st IDS listed U.S. applications for consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has not explicitly indicated, throughout prosecution, that the references listed in the July 21st IDS have <u>not</u> been considered. Accordingly, as the references have been submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully submitted that the references have been considered by the USPTO. In the event that the Examiner has not considered the references, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references and provide an indication in the record of such consideration.

Respectfully submitted, Teruto HIROTA et al.

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